

Fair Political Practices Commission
MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh and Remy

From: Carla Wardlow
Chief, Technical Assistance Division

Date: September 26, 2008

Subject: Approval of Campaign Disclosure Manual for Independent
Expenditure Committees (Manual 6)

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Attached for your review and approval is a new campaign disclosure manual for individuals and entities (e.g., business entities) that do not receive political contributions, but use their own funds to make independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose candidates and ballot measures. These individuals and entities must file campaign disclosure reports as “independent expenditure committees” under Government Code Section 82013(b). The manual also explains the new event-based reporting alternative available to 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations that make occasional independent expenditures to support or oppose ballot measures. (Regulation 18413, adopted by the Commission in April 2008.)

Pursuant to Regulation 18313, the manual was posted on the Commission’s website for public comment on August 11, 2008. Since that time, staff has redrafted portions of Chapter 4 to further clarify the event-based reporting information.

Staff requests your approval of the manual.